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S.U.N.Y. COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

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ESF bike racks

Over the last three years that I have been at ESF, I have periodically used the Public Safety bike cage to lockup my bicycle. Usually, there have been three or four bikes at most in the cage at once. This semester I have been using the lockup, and everyday the cage is full. Around campus bikes are being locked to trees, railings, and lots of other things that they are not supposed to be. Public Safety Officers are having to put warnings on bikes that are "illegally" parked. This creates extra work for them, and causes students to gripe about the Public Safety Department. What choice do the students have for where to lock up their bikes? Are there not enough bike racks on campus?

In previous years, the racks were rather full on some days, but most of them are full everyday this semester. There are some exceptions to this though. Recently, a new bike rack was added to the north side (dome side) of Illick Hall, even though it is small it does provide some new space for bikes. Who knows about the bike rack near the loading dock end of Illick Hall, it has room for maybe three bikes, but it is little used. It may be convenient to put your bike near the quad, but those bike racks are generally filled first. Try some of the out of the way racks instead of locking the bike to someplace that you shouldn't be. More possible solutions next week...

CRIME ALERT BULLETIN

On September 15, 1993 we received information from S.U. Security Department that two automobiles were stolen from campus parking lots. The first theft occurred in the C3 or Standart Street lot between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The second incident occurred in the Brewster/Brockway/Boland parking area between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. These parking areas are within two blocks of each other. We feel this is a developing trend worthy of everyone's attention.

For your safety, we would advise you take the following precautions:

- Lock your vehicle
- Do not leave valuables visible inside
- Do not hide spare key anywhere on your vehicle
- Always check the inside of your vehicle before entering
- Call Public Safety at ext: 6666 if you observe any suspicious behavior

Attention ESF 332 Students:

There have been four (4) room changes for choice sessions. If a session is not listed below, it will be located in its original room assignment.

9/23 Time Mgmt./Study Skills (11:30 a.m.) will now be in 11 Illick

9/29 Diversity and Success (11:45 a.m.) will now be in 313 Bray

10/27 Time Mgmt./Study Skills (11:45 a.m.) will now be in 313 Bray

11/3 Summer Jobs/Internships (11:45 a.m.) will now be in 313 Bray



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The *Knothole* is the student publication of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. It is published every Wednesday during the school year. **The deadline for submitting pieces for publication is WEDNESDAY, 4:00 pm, of the week before they are to appear. (On disk, The deadline is THURSDAY, 12 noon.)** Letters to the Editor will not be printed unless they are signed. Articles must also contain the writer's name (names will be withheld upon request). The opinions expressed are those of the writer only and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the paper's staff or anyone else affiliated with the College. We strongly encourage any interviews, articles, notices, suggestions, and new staff members. **The *Knothole* staff meets in Room 22 in the basement of Bray, Mondays at 6:30. Phone: 470-6892.**

Editor's Page

Well, sort of. Actually, the editor is away on a field trip for her fisheries class, so this is more of a pseudo-editor's page. Anyway, people have been asking me when the *Knothole* is going to publish something controversial. My response is that this is YOUR paper, so give us something controversial and we'll try to nibble at the hand that feeds. We depend on contributions from the community as much as on the wits of our staff.

So while I'm on the subject, there was a complaint registered with the Student Affairs Office about the reference to Kappa Phi's "dog that chicks love" being offensive, or at least in poor taste. As copy editor, I read this piece before we ran it, and I figured that *someone* would surely be offended by that line, but at the same time I didn't see it as my duty to change the text. I felt that if they want to talk that way, let them -- if complaints come up, we'll be sure to air them and we figure that Smertz will be a little more careful in the future. No way does Kappa Phi wish to shoot itself in the foot.

People have also bemoaned the fact that the Baker Lab computer cluster has been closed on weekends so far. While clearly a major inconvenience, this is not the result of some oppressive policy handed down by an evil administrator, but rather because there is not enough staff to monitor the cluster on the weekends. So come on all you computer geniuses out there -- earn some money by helping us illiterates in the computer center on the weekends!!

Then there is the matter of the entire campus being shut down during SU football games, basketball games, and other dome events. There seems to be some sentiment that life does *not* revolve around football, and we shouldn't lose access to our campus because of it. However, there are some legitimate parking and security concerns to be considered, what with hordes of people in various stages of insobriety roaming around. Is it possible to reach some sort of compromise wherein a couple extra public safety officers could be stationed at Baker Lab and let in anyone with a valid ESF ID who wishes to use the computer center or do some lab work?

Well, enough of the complaints and pet peeves. Ya'll feel free to add any more if you've got 'em -- just drop them in the folder on the KH door, 22 Bray Hall. Perhaps Diana will once again grace this page with some insights next week!

Rich Rathbun

(JUST PRETEND THERE'S SOMETHING INTERESTING IN ALL THIS WHITE SPACE!!! GO AHEAD, USE YOUR IMAGINATION)

Nature Notes

by Peter Tango

Twenty five miles north of Juneau, Alaska: Summer 1986 - this was my time to learn why the state bird of Alaska is the Mosquito! On days with relatively "few" mosquitoes around, you would slap your leg and get 7 or 8 of them...consistently, minute by minute. When they were out in force, a hand slap registered a yield of approximately twice that of a slow day. Frequent rains, cool weather, and DEET helped lessen the viciousness of their presence on many days for most of the fifteen of us in camp. I say most because we had one individual leave three days after we first gathered and fly back to his homeland of California to escape those bloodthirsty swarms. At times, I admit, they could be a bit pesky...

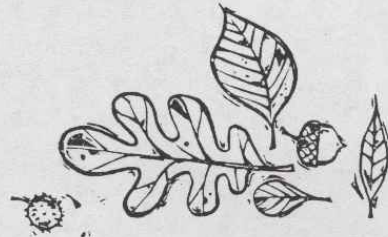
It wasn't the mosquito we were there for, it was the bald eagle. The number of breeding pairs in Alaska at this time equalled or exceeded that of the breeding population for the lower 48 states combined. It was an exciting adventure to study the eagles where active nests occu-

ried virtually every mile of shoreline in sight; where, as the 20 foot tides retreated, the eagles congregated on the mudflats of a glacial outwash river to scavenge for food; but also where you could see an eagle in all its glory leave its perch to glide down over the water and snatch a fish from just below the surface of the sea. We all shared in nest watching studies, nest density investigations, and other projects geared towards understanding the needs of the species in that region.

In New York, we have seen a slow return of the bald eagle to the pre-DDT era numbers, thanks, at least in part, to release efforts by the NYSDEC. In the Catskills, you can get a taste of the abundances of birds observed at times in Alaska at a place called Mongaup Falls Reservoir. As numbers of eagles in New York state have increased, some have found a wintering home along this waterway. Dozens of eagles at a time have been observed there - the factor that draws them in is based on one of

those unusual, rather positive symbiotic relationships with man's activities known as a hydropower station. Fish go through the station, are killed or injured, and the eagles are provided with a relatively easy-to-access meal downstream. The parallel to this in Alaska was unwanted fish tossed from fishing boats - here too I watched eagles claim an easy meal.

Our national symbol, the bald eagle, continues to make a comeback. My most recent sighting is one adult I saw flying over Interstate-95 in Washington D.C. this March (how appropriate!). It is my hope and part of my life work that more than the bald eagle will make such a comeback at a time, like today, when we are losing far more than we appear to be gaining in biodiversity.



PAY YOUR RENT, WORK FOR THE EARTH !!!

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION

- Come to the S.E.A.C. meeting to find out how!!!
- Wednesday September 22, 5:30 in Nifkin Lounge

COME GET INVOLVED WITH PEOPLE WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Inspiration: problem and possible solution

How many of you feel like your brain really does not get an all around "exercise" when you are in school? For obvious reasons most of ESF's academic programs rely heavily on Science. I am an EFB major, and am very much into the science, in fact you could say that I really enjoy it. Recently, I have realized that over the last three years here at ESF I have lost something that was very dear to me. That missing piece is inspiration. I know, it is hard to be inspired when you are stuck here in Syracuse, but the location is not all that important. What seems to be more important is the frame of mind. When one is fully immersed in academic science there is not much allowance for poetry writing, for example. Taking some time and reading non-science books; poetry, essays, etc. is one possible solution to this problem. The last couple of years I remember reading letters with a similar message from the editor of the Knothole, Deb Greco (Knothole editor in 1992). She would make the point that the pure science that we are used to at ESF neglects the whole person. She recommended taking electives in diverse areas, such as languages, and art. This is another possible solution.

Falling back on seemingly distant memories, I recall my first year at ESF. That Spring semester a number of students got together, and formed what was called the Poetry Club. We got gathered in Nifkin Lounge once a week and read poetry. It was a very relaxed atmosphere, and we encouraged people to read anything they wanted, their own stuff, or anyone else's. With a hectic schedule of classes and

other academic stuff it was a nice relief to relax and mellow out for at least an hour a week. This is a way that we kept our inspiration going, amidst science and Syracuse. Unfortunately, after that semester the Poetry Club never got going again.

I would like to try and initiate another such potentially inspiring adventure. I am not suggesting an actual poetry club, but rather a very informal gathering for anyone to come, relax, listen, read (if you like), and maybe even be a little bit inspired in the process. Such an opportunity would, I think, add to our experience while we are here at ESF. It might even help utilize that under used right portion of our brain.

I would like to hear from you if you are at all interested in such a gathering. Please drop a note in campus mail to **Rob Barber 242 Illick Hall** or call and leave a message at **470-6948**. You could also stop by my office at 224 Illick and let me know what you think.

Rob Barber

WHO'S WHO NOMINATIONS

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to nominate students for 1993-94 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities recognition.

Nominees who have exhibited any combination of the following will be considered:

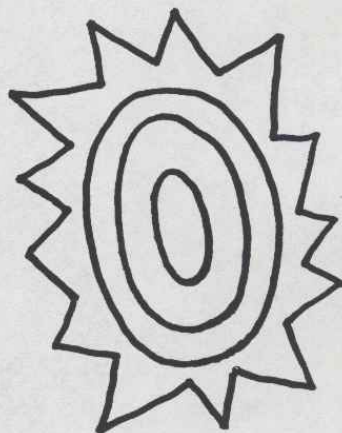
- * scholastic ability (seniors--2.5 or better; grads--3.0 or better)
- * participation and leadership in campus programs/activities
- * citizenship and service to ESF/SU community
- * potential for future achievement

Graduating seniors and graduate students who expect to complete their degree this year are eligible for nomination. Students may also nominate themselves.

Nominee Information Sheets are available in the Office of Activities and Organizations, 110 Bray Hall, and must be returned to that office no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 8, 1993.

Announcement:

It's time to start thinking about the **DECEMBER SOIREE**. The first committee meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 in Bray 22**. Get involved, take control, and make this Soiree a great one.

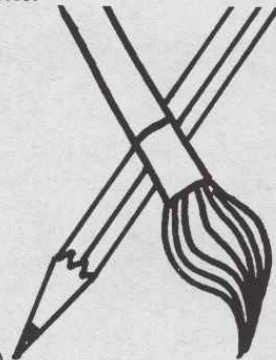


ATTENTION!!! ESF CREATIVE WRITERS AND ARTISTS!

All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the 2nd issue of the bi-annual ESF journal, *ECOLOGUE*, to be distributed at the end of the Fall Semester.

Art, poetry, and other creative pieces are needed

- Two copies of all work must be submitted
- All work must be typed or on disk
- Please include name, address, and phone number
- Deadline for submissions is October 29, 1993.
- Please drop off all pieces at Room 13 C, Moon Library
- Questions?? Contact Katherine Terry (423-8298) or Patrick Lawler (470-6914)



STUDENTS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES!!!!

Just kidding! I just wanted to get your attention. You see, the right to vote in this country and on this campus is simply not appreciated, despite the fact that wars were fought over it and millions migrate to this country for it. If someone tried to take it away from us, we would be furious. The point to all this: take advantage of one of the most important rights we have as Americans. Take the minute or so and put your two cents in. Help decide what the future of our school is like through the people you choose to represent you. You owe it to both yourself and your ancestors.

what: E.S.F. general elections

when: October 4 and 5

where: Marshall foyer, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

who: all undergraduates at E.S.F.

why: if you don't know by now, I can't help you

***Plan on running for a position? Letters of intent are due in 110 Bray, September 27, 4:30 p.m.

Sean Brogan
1st V.P. of U.S.A.

Attention:

To all those who submitted entries into the Spring '93 Creativity Contest, we at the Knothole office have your submissions and would like to return them to their rightful owners. If you would like to retrieve them, stop by the office in Bray 22 or leave a message in the folder on the door on how we could get them to you.

NEWS FROM KAPPA PHI DELTA

Well folks, by taking a quick look around the house I can see that the semester is under way. Roger is hard at work on Structures at the drafting table, Cherry is "Thermodynamics Man," Hummer is working out combustion problems, and Krusty is collecting dead mice. Yes, interesting things are happening.

Well I hope everyone had a good time last weekend. Who was the Girl in the leather jacket? Hummer says thanks for donating blood. We all say thanks to those who have been coming down for Rush! For any of you Guys that haven't come down yet, come on down tonight, it's not too late.

Well I have to go and get ready for Dr. Bambacht's Test. Have a great Day!

Smertz



1994 GREAT LAKES RESEARCH CONSORTIUM STUDENT/FACULTY CONFERENCE

January 14-15, 1994
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & SCHOLARSHIP AP- PLIED TO THE GREAT LAKES

The Fourth Annual Great Lakes Research Consortium Student-Faculty Conference will be held January 14 and 15 at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. The conference highlights student research, providing opportunities for students to meet others interested in environmental science and scholarship, particularly as it is applied to problems related to the Great Lakes. Student presentations will be divided into two categories. The first category is **research plans and proposals**. This section will give new graduate students or undergraduates developing future research plans, an opportunity to present their ideas, to an audience of peers and faculty. Each presentation will be followed by a short discussion of research design, protocols and methods. In the second category, students will **present results of ongoing or completed research** in a more typical symposium-type setting. Students presenting will be placed in concurrent sessions with others giving the same type of presentation. Concurrent sessions will be organized by themes: 1) Public policy analysis; 2) Social Science: Economics, Human Dimensions, Social Ecology, Planning, etc. 3) Limnology & Ecology: Fisheries, Trophic Interactions, Ecosystem

Modeling, etc. 4) Chemistry and Toxicology 5) Environmental Engineering and Modeling.

If you are interested in presenting at the annual conference, please submit an abstract of your research or proposed research. The abstract should not exceed **200 words** and should include the title of the presentation, authors' names and affiliations, their home addresses and phone numbers. Abstracts should also indicate whether the presentations are proposals/research plans (category one) or research results (category two).

Deadline for submission of abstracts is December 1, 1993. Notification of acceptance and session placement will be available by January 5, 1993. Send Abstracts To: Great Lakes Research Consortium, 24 Bray Hall, SUNY-ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210, FAX: (315) 470-6970, BITNET: jmanno@SUVN. For more information call Jack Manno at (315) 470-6816.

All students presenting at the Conference will receive free registration, luncheon and banquet. In addition, there will be a \$100 cash award for best paper in each of the five categories of "research presentations." Participants in the research plans and proposals section are not eligible for the awards, but will receive free registration and meals.

PEACE CORPS

Have you always thought you would travel around the world? Live in exotic places? Do you have a strong sense of adventure? A high tolerance for ambiguity? How would you like to eat mangoes for breakfast or drink coconut for a mid-morning perk? Do you see yourself conversing in Spanish, Swahili, or Samoan with local people?

And does the thought of another Syracuse winter cause your brain to dull and your heart to slump momentarily - or longer?

Well, you can do something about this. If you're looking for a warmer climate and you have transferable skills in science, math, forestry or the environment, walk up the four flights of stairs in Bray Hall to find out more about the Peace Corps.

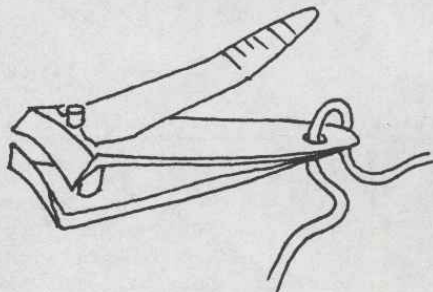
Take a calculated risk. Somebody's got to do it.

Visit your campus Peace Corps office in 404 Bray Hall

Mon.	12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Tues.	12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thurs.	12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Fri.	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Or by appointment (470-6678)

PEACE CORPS



CLIP ART

ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN THE SU
JUGGLING
CLUB

MEETING TIMES:
 SUN. 2:15-3:30
 TUES. 7:10-8:30
 WED. 9:10-10:30

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What did you do this
past summer????
Write a paragraph
or longer description
of your recent
life...
and submit it to us!!

JOIN THE KNOTHOLE STAFF

Meetings Mondays
in Bray 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Graduate Program in Environmental Science Discussion Series

Building the Sustainable Corporation*: a discussion of grant progress

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1993
3:00 p.m.
324 Bray

Ralph A. Sanders

Faculty and students from the College are welcome to attend; GPES students in the Environmental Policy and Democratic Processes study area are especially encouraged to review materials and contribute to discussion.

* This title is taken from National Wildlife Federation, 1992. *Building the Sustainable Corporation: Creating Environmental sustainability and Corporate Advantage*. Review copies of Appendix B from this document may be picked up before the discussion in 107 Marshall.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 22

Ice Cream Social at noon on Quad patio; FREE!

Rifle Club meeting from 5-6:00 p.m. in Moon Conference room

Lesbian and Gay Graduate Collective meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 750 Ostrom Ave; Undergrad, Grad, Faculty, and Staff welcome; Come out and join us!

GSA meeting at 4:30 p.m. in Bray 324.

Juggling Club meeting from 9:10-10:30 p.m. in Flanagan Gym Exercise Room; All welcome!

Sunday, September 26

Juggling Club meeting from 2:15-3:30 p.m. in Flanagan Gym Exercise Room; All welcome!

Monday, September 27

Knothole meeting in Bray 22 (basement) at 6:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing Ken, Lisa, Aaron, Meredith, Stephanie, Robert, Heather, Mel, Chris, Kristina, Jennifer, Chris, and Patrick (i.e. those people who expressed interest, but were unable to make last week's meeting!)

Tuesday, September 28

Wildlife Society meeting in Marshall 319 at 5:30 p.m.; Topics include the whale watch, Saratoga deer drive (or do they?), and Hawk Mountain; Everyone welcome!

CUTE & FUNNY by Lesley O. Johnson

A VERY PERSONAL COMPUTER

